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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Communication Between Cable Modem And Headend**
Inventors: QUIGLEY *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.132000G (*as amended*)

Sir:

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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